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Applicant: Balbierz and Johnson  
Serial No.: 09/823,903  
Filing Date: March 30, 2001  
For: TISSUE BIOPSY AND TREATMENT  
APPARATUS AND METHOD  
Group Art Unit: 3739  
Examiner: VRETTAKOS, P.  
Confirmation No.: 7575

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Sir:

1. Transmitted herewith are the following:  
☒ An Amendment under 37 CFR §1.111
2. Entity Status  
☒ Small Entity Status (37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27) is proper for this case.
3. Conditional Petition for Extension of Time:  
An Extension of Time is requested to provide for timely filing if necessary for timely filing of this transmittal and enclosures.
4. Provisional Fee Authorization  
Please charge any underpayment in fees for timely filing of this transmittal and enclosures to Deposit Account No. 50-2207.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Sir:

In response to the Office action dated July 11, 2003 in the above-identified application, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

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